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This paper is submitted in response to the office action dated January 26, 2006 (the "office action"). The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fees that may be required for any reason under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 relating to this paper from Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP Deposit Account No. 12-1322/021958-039US.

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the captioned application.

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